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## A MORNING PAPER.

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The Advertiser would be glad to receive and publish suggestions for the entertainment of the fleet.

### CLEAN THE CITY.

The Central Improvement Association, representing all of the Improvement Clubs of the city, unanimously passed a resolution last night, requesting the local improvement clubs to make an immediate and extra effort to clean up and improve the appearance of the city, in preparation for the coming of the fleet.

The Advertiser most heartily passes on the word, not only to the improvement clubs, but to the citizens at large.

Let every owner of an empty lot at least clean the weeds and rubbish off, and, if he can afford it, grass the lot over.

Let every owner of every dilapidated fence either repair and paint it, build a new one, or, better still, pull it down and put a neat stone curb in its place.

Let the owner of every dingy house put it in such condition that he would not be ashamed to have his name on a sign on the front door.

If everyone will join in and do his share, the result will surprise not only the mahini, but the native within our gates.

Honolulu already has the reputation of being the cleanest city in the tropics. Let her citizens get busy and double-rivet that reputation by such a showing of cleanliness and well-kept streets and grounds as to make that a main feature among the impressions which our visitors will carry away with them.

Clean up all along the line.

### FLEET ENTERTAINMENT.

The features of the reception of the Atlantic fleet at San Diego may be of interest to the Fleet Committee here. They seem to have been satisfactory to the guests, and the provision for them did not burden the hosts. According to the program, issued in advance—which, by the way, is a fine souvenir folder on cardboard—the following program was laid out:

The Atlantic fleet will arrive at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in column formation three miles long.

Five thousand marines and sixteen bands from the fleet will parade the streets of San Diego, under command of Captain R. R. Ingersoll, Admiral Evans' Chief of Staff.

One evening will be given up to a grand display of fireworks, and one afternoon to boat races.

A grand ball will be given to the officers of the fleet at Hotel del Coronado.

The newspapers will later announce the exact date of arrival and other features of the reception.

Railroads have made especially low rates to San Diego.

The "other features" promised included gifts of 33,000 oranges to the seamen and various minor forms of entertainment. Probably the sailors, who were likewise treated to fruit at Los Angeles, will expect something of the kind here. They might reasonably be supplied with bananas, say a thousand bunches, if so many can be procured and ripened in time; also with a pineapple apiece, as the fruit will then be abundant.

The Japanese, who like to do things, might be asked to make a great display of daylight fireworks.

We still think that a barbecue, lasting three days, would be appreciated. That is the common American form of feeding the largest crowds at the least expense. Still, it may be remembered that sailors find it easy, on strange shores, to amuse themselves, and often had rather do it than to be amused. It is the officers who expect entertainment; and as there are more than two thousand of them with the fleet, a ball would be easier to handle than a banquet. It would be difficult to give a banquet here to more than 250 officers, assuming that there would be a host for every guest, making 500 in all.

### AS TO THE YACHT RACE.

Holding yacht races in hard times is no small undertaking. Even Lipton hesitates to ask the New York Yacht Club to do its part toward another trans-Atlantic cup contest. Not long ago the New York papers printed a list of yachts for sale, which included the floating palaces of nearly all the millionaires. Even the Croesuses could not collect enough ready money to make the outlay of \$100,000 a year or so for pleasure a matter of indifference to them; so they put their yachts on the market. Private cars are also getting scarce. No longer is it necessary to provide extra side-trackage for them in California and Florida.

It is a situation like this which confronts the South Coast Yacht Club in its effort to repeat the race of two years ago. The owner of the winning yacht in that contest, the man who was expected to figure largely in the next one, is now working for a salary. The panic hit him hard. Other big yachtsmen are troubled in spirit. The banks are not yielding coin. Business is dull. A presidential election is ahead. Nobody knows what the next Congress will do with the tariff. The order all along the line is to haul in sail and tie up to a stout wharf. It is a poor time to head for the open sea, of business with all canvas spread.

However, a year from now may see things in the business world as they were a year ago. If the crops turn out well and the election goes right and the demand for our manufactured exports and our raw material keeps up, what is to prevent? By that time Hawaii's yacht will have been thoroughly tested; she will have found herself. Possibly, as Hawaii is the only prosperous part of the Union, and is assured of enormous returns this season from its staple crop, some of our Easy street people may feel like taking her off the hands of the subscribers and entering her themselves for any race that better times may bring.

### THE MAHUKA SITE.

The final transfer of the Mahuka site to the United States, which is now virtually completed, marks the first great step toward securing a Federal building.

It is now something more than a year since the Mahuka site was decided on. Yet during the whole of that time, right up to the present, there has always been the imminent possibility that the selection would not be consummated, and that the whole process of selection would have to be gone over again. Indeed, there have been times when it seemed almost certain that the Mahuka site would go by the board. If the history of the entire matter were ever written, there would be surprises for everybody in the numerous directions from which menaces to the Mahuka site came, and how near many of them were to being successful. That the deal has been carried through is a tribute to the persistence and determination of those who have been at work upon it, and on their resourcefulness in meeting and parrying dangers.

One benefit the community has already secured is the condemnation for street purposes of the land for the opening of Bishop street through to Merchant. Even if the Mahuka site project should fail at this eleventh hour—if there should be the fatal slip 'twixt the cup and the lip—the extension of Bishop street to Merchant is accomplished. That is at least one step in the project of opening that street through to the waterfront, which is a feature of every comprehensive proposal for the improvement or beautification of Honolulu.

### IN THE EVENING FIELD.

"Yes," remarked the damafula bird, "it has been demonstrated that I am a superior fowl to the turkey. I roost higher and get a better circulation of air."

"I, too, am swelling with pride," said the bullfrog. "I have hopped across an entire field since last Tuesday, and have got a better circulation of blood than my neighbor, the ox. I am the real thing. And what is an ox to a bullfrog, anyhow? A bullfrog has been known to keep alive when petrified."

"Quite right," replied the damafula bird. "Let us agree that we are much ahead of the turkey and the ox and much more satisfactory to the public. In fact, a man said the other day that if I would sing to him and you croak he wouldn't wake up for a week."

### A CIGARETTE EXAMPLE.

It is hard to satisfy the Star with analogies, but here is another. Nebraska has a prohibitory law, directed against the sale of cigarettes, and that law is a success. It has not, however, driven all cigarettes out of the State, but it has made the purchase of one so difficult that a nicotine-stained youth would rather saw wood than go hunting for his favorite smoke. He cannot even get a cigarette from the buffet porter of a palace car on the overland line. As soon as a train enters Nebraska its cigarette case is closed, just as the bar is closed on a train running into Georgia. Nor can the Nebraska youth buy a cigarette openly in any cigar store, hotel, restaurant, newspaper stand, nor anywhere else. It is less trouble, as a rule, for him to have his cigarettes mailed from another State.

The general result is that the Nebraska schoolboys are not getting the cigarette habit. College boys are no longer known as cigarette fiends. The general expenditure for tobacco has fallen off, and there is more money than there was for useful purposes. The majority of Nebraska people, who brought the anti-cigarette law into being, are satisfied to let it stand. They believe it is working in their interest, and they would laugh at a man who urged them to repeal it on the ground that the act did not secure absolute prohibition.

We trust the Star will not evade the point that prohibition of the sale of liquor in this Territory, if as efficacious as is the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes in Nebraska, will be effective enough to suit the men who want it; and that the plea that liquor could not be altogether excluded under such a law may be admitted without impairing the arguments for prohibition here nor threatening the good results predicated of it.

### THE DANGEROUS FOE.

There are foes more formidable than armed host.

General Nogi, who captured Port Arthur, and thereby made the peace of Portsmouth possible, is finding it out.

General Nogi is the President of the Puerreses' College for the education of Japanese women of noble rank. A Miss Shimoda is the principal of this institution. Miss Shimoda is a beautiful woman, young, and of noble rank. General Nogi is only a great soldier.

Miss Shimoda is in favor of her pupils dressing as befits their rank. General Nogi insists that a plain, dark costume is more befitting college girls where education and not display is supposed to be the main purpose. Miss Shimoda had the courage of her convictions. She was determined to carry her point. General Nogi refused to surrender. Miss Shimoda resigned. From the attitude of the public and the comment of not only the Japanese, but the whole Oriental press, he does not know whether he has won a victory or not. The merriment the public finds in the controversy disconcerts him.

The House Committee on Judiciary has found for Wilfey, though with what, if any, reservations remains to be seen. Some of the members of the committee, as was shown at the hearing, were not unreservedly for him by any means, and from these may possibly come a minority report. Wilfey has much to be thankful for in the time chosen to attack him. To impeach a protege of Taft when the administration is bending every energy to make Taft President, is to trust to more independence of mind and indifference to politics, than the average membership of a House Committee possesses.

The Internal Revenue officers have just raided two illicit stills. Judge Dole and a jury are trying a defendant charged with illicit distilling. It looks as though the law prohibiting illicit distilling does not prohibit. But there is no sentiment in favor of repealing the Internal Revenue laws on the ground that there are many violations of them. They do prohibit sufficiently to substantially protect the revenue of the government, and that is their purpose.

Last night, an afternoon paper said, the wireless man here would try to get a message "from the big fleet at San Diego, 2280 miles away." As the fleet left San Diego for Los Angeles ports some days ago and was leaving Los Angeles last night, and as Los Angeles is not 2280 miles away from Honolulu, the item can only be accepted as showing how marked an advantage the evening press has over the morning press in the collection of certain kinds of news.

The Duke of Chaulnes, who married Miss Shonts the other day, is dead. He leaves his widowed bride an extinct French title and a very active legacy of debts. He did not live long enough to make the usual ante-mortem bequest of a divorce.

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